

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 206902

14

ORIGIN SCI-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 NAS-01 NSF-04 RSC-01 /038 R

DRAFTED BY SCI/SA:AERICHMOND,JR:LTG

APPROVED BY SCI/SA:AERICHMOND,JR.

NAS/NAE - MR. ISRAELSEN (SUB)

EUR/NSC-IG:JDREND AHL

----- 019245

R 182114Z OCT 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMCONSUL ZURICH

INFO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

AMCONSUL FLORENCE

AMCONSUL HAMBURG

AMCONSUL MILAN

UNCLAS STATE 206902

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TPHY, TGEN, OTRA, XT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MESSRS. SOL RIBAKOFF AND  
CHARLES PALMETIER

BONN, LONDON, PARIS, ROME FOR SCICOUN/SCIATT

1. THE US NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TUNNELING TECHNOLOGY,  
ORGANIZED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, IS  
ENGAGED IN AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF CONTRACTING PRACTICES, AS  
RELATED TO TUNNELING AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE US AND  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WITH THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A  
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPROVE-  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 206902

MENT OF US PRACTICES. MESSRS. SOL RIBAKOFF AND CHARLES

PALMETIER WILL VISIT ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES DURING PERIOD  
OCT. 20 - DEC. 22, 1973 TO CARRY OUT THE STUDY.

2. THE PRIMARY TOPICS OF INTEREST ARE:

- A. THE CONTRACTURAL METHODS OF ACCOMPLISHING  
UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL  
PROVISIONS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF PROBLEMS  
ENCOUNTERED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF WORK.
- B. CONTRACT PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO  
ELIMINATE OR AT LEAST MINIMIZE DISPUTES BETWEEN  
CONSTRUCTORS AND OWNERS OR OWNERS ENGINEERS, AND  
THE METHODS OR PROCEDURES EMPLOYED TO RESOLVE DIS-  
PUTES WHEN THEY DO ARISE.
- C. THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS ARE  
MADE AND INFORMATION AS TO THE SAME FURNISHED TO  
CONSTRUCTORS PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION.
- D. THE EXTENT TO WHICH CONTRACTS ASSIGN THE RISK OF  
UNANTICIPATED SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS BETWEEN THE  
OWNER AND THE CONTRACTOR.
- E. CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS WHICH ENCOURAGE THE USE OF  
IMPROVED TECHNIQUES (CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT,  
METHODS AND MATERIALS).
- F. CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS WHICH PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND WORK IN A MORE  
ECONOMICAL AND TIMELY MANNER.

3. MESSRS. RIBAKOFF AND PALMETIER DO NOT DESIRE TO VISIT  
ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION SITES BUT DO WISH TO EXPLORE WITH  
EXPERIENCED PERSONS THE TYPES OF CONTRACTS AND CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION PRACTICES UTILIZED, AND METHODS UTILIZED  
IN RESOLVING DISPUTES BETWEEN CONSTRUCTOR AND OWNER, AND  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 206902

THE ROLE OF THE OWNER'S ENGINEER FROM DESIGN TO COMPLETION  
OF CONSTRUCTION.

4. CONTACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE DIRECTLY WITH  
VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN HOST COUNTRIES,  
HOWEVER, MESSRS. RIBAKOFF AND PALMETIER WILL PAY COURTESY  
CALLS ON EMBASSIES AND ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WITH  
THEIR EFFORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED, PARTICULARLY ANY

SOURCES YOU MAY KNOW OF. EMB. ATTENDANCE AT ANY TALKS  
WOULD BE WELCOME. BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND A LIST OF  
PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED HAS BEEN POUCHED.

5. SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

ITINERARY  
RIBAKOFF-PALMETIER  
(EXCLUDING SAT. & SUN)

LEAVE                      ARRIVE  
WASH. D.C. 10/19 7:30 PM    LONDON 10/20 7:30 AM  
LONDON-MON. THRU FRI.

LEAVE                      ARRIVE  
  
LONDON 10/28 11:25 AM    OSLO 10/28 1:20 PM  
OSLO-MON THRU 1/2 WED.

OSLO 10/31 1:50 PM    STOCKHOLM 10/31 2:45 PM  
STOCKHOLM THURS. FRI.

STOCKHOLM 11/4 8:40 AM    HAMBURG 11/4 10:05 AM  
HAMBURG-MON. THRU WED.

HAMBURG 11/8 9:15 AM    DUESSELDORF 11/8 10:05 AM  
DUESSELDORF-1/2 WED.

DUESSELDORF 11/8 3:30 PM    PARIS 11/8 4:50 PM  
PARIS-FRI. THRU 1/2 FRI.

PARIS 11/16 4:25 PM    ZURICH 11/16 5:25 PM  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 206902

ZURICH-MON. THRU THURS.

ZURICH 11/23 8:50 AM    MILAN 11/23 (FRI) PM  
(TRAIN)  
MILAN-MON. THRU THURS.

MILAN 11/30 (FRI) AM    FLORENCE 11/30 (FRI) PM  
TRAIN

FLORENCE 12/7 (FRI) AM    ROME 12/8 (SAT) PM  
ROME-MON. THRU FRI.

ROME 12/16 9:10 AM    MADRID 12/16 11:20 AM  
MADRID-MON. THRU FRI.

MADRID 12/22 11:00 AM    N.Y.C. 12/22 12:45 PM

SR

NYC (JFK) 12/22 4:10 PM    CHICAGO 12/22 5:35 PM

CHICAGO 12/22 6:25 PM    OMAHA 12/11 22 7:46PM

CP

NYC (JFK) 12/22 5:10 PM    PHOENIX 12/22 7:03 PM

6. MESSRS. RIBAKOFF AND PALMETIER WILL BE MAKING THEIR  
OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 18 OCT 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973STATE206902  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** AERICHMOND,JR:LTG  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731023/aaaaaqwg.tel  
**Line Count:** 179  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ORIGIN SCI  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 4  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** boyleja  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 20 SEP 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <20-Sep-2001 by bryansd0>; APPROVED <29-Jan-2002 by boyleja>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** VISIT OF MESSRS. SOL RIBAKOFF AND CHARLES PALMETIER  
**TAGS:** TPHY, TGEN, OTRA, XT  
**To:** BONN MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005